

began experiencing symptoms later diagnosed as carpal tunnel syndrome. Claimant also testified that the more she worked on the computer, the more it hurt her hands.

Respondent points out that the record contains no medical opinion connecting the work activities with the symptoms. The record does include a statement made by Dr. Robert Brown that claimant had a history of doing keyboarding-type activities for 40 hours per week since February 1996. Respondent notes that this history is not accurate.

The Appeals Board, nevertheless, considers the evidence to be sufficient to satisfy claimant's burden at this point of the proceedings. Claimant testified that she does not engage in hand-intensive hobbies and that she did not have a problem with the symptoms before she began working with Kelly Services, Inc. Claimant did a variety of work besides the keyboard work. Some of these were hand-intensive activities also.

WHEREFORE, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the Order entered by Administrative Law Judge Alvin E. Witwer dated November 20, 1996 should be, and is hereby, affirmed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this ____ day of February, 1997.

BOARD MEMBER

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